REMARKS

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing (pages 1-11) in response to the Notification of Defective Response, mailed September 16, 2008, in the instant application. Applicants submit a Substitute Sequence Listing for the nucleotide sequence disclosed in the specification in compliance with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequences and/or amino acid sequence disclosures. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this Preliminary Amendment, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 24492-020 CIP NATL.

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CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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